

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE US NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION
OF PCT/EP04/007842
ARGOUD-PUY ET AL.
US APPLICATION NO: 10/564698
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: July 15, 2004
FOR: SECRETED POLYPEPTIDE SPECIES REDUCED IN
CARDIOVASCULAR DISORDERS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of December 27, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 27, 2007. A four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).


Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1590 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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